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TAGS: MASS, TC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF M16A1 RIFLES

REF: ABU DHABI 2514

1. ARP CONTACTED ROY OF COLT FIREARMS. ROY ASSURED US THAT IF UAEG REACHES A PROMPT DECISION TO PURCHASE M16A1'S BY OCTOBER 10, AND EXPEDITIOUSLY PROVIDES FOR SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT EITHER IN ABU DHABI OR DC (AMBASSADOR GHOBASH), COLT COULD HAVE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ONE TO TWO THOUSAND M16A1'S IN THE EMIRATES BEFORE UAE NATIONAL DAY. ROY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SMALLER QUANTITY OF WEAPONS WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT TO THE EMIRATES BY REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIR FREIGHT, NOT CHARTERED AIRCRAFT AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

2. ROY INQUIRED WHEN RIFLE COMPETITION MENTIONED IN REFTTEL WAS SUPPOSED VO BEGIN. HE SAID THAT IF OTHER COMPETING FIRMS WERE REPRESENTED IN THE UAE, AND CHARGE FELT IT

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DESIRABLE, THEN COLT WAS CERTAINLY PREPARED TO SEND ONE OF

ITS MEN TO THE UAE FOR RIFLE COMPETITION. ROY NOTED THAT
HAVING A COLT MAN IN THE UAE WOULD HAVE SIDE BENEFIT OF
ALLOWING EXPEDITIOUS SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT, IF DECISION WENT
COLT'S WAY

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AN ANSWER TO QUESTION RAISED ON
RIFLE COMPETITION BY ROY.
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